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Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC)

FROM:

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Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the First CIPC Meeting, 21 March 1983,
1400-1545 Hours (U)

Minutes of the Meeting

The Director, Intelligence Community Staff, [redacted] opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He emphasized the importance which he and Miss Eloise R. Page, DD/ICS, placed on the Committee and the opportunities before it. He continued, observing that he views the Committee as key in implementing a new direction for the IC Staff by making it a vehicle for community coordination, particularly on vital issues. He advised the members that he had selected some of the IC's best staff officers to provide the Committee with efficient and effective staff support. Furthermore, he pointed out to the members that it was their Committee and it should be utilized and tested to the fullest. He closed noting that the success of the Committee depends upon their active participation in it. Miss Page seconded [redacted]

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The Chairman, [redacted] stated that he was looking forward to chairing the Committee. He noted that the CIPC Staff stands ready to support the Committee. The Chairman also stated that he would welcome any recommendations for future agenda items and that he intended to keep his promise to each member to hold meaningful meetings, limited to key issues, and structured in such a way to utilize their time effectively. [redacted]

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Draft CIPC DCID

The Committee approved without comment the draft DCID as presented. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting the draft CIPC DCID was forwarded to the DCI for approval.) [redacted]

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International Illicit Narcotics Production and Trafficking

The Chairman pointed out that the purpose of this briefing was to bring all members to the same level of understanding on this problem. He acknowledged that some of the members probably had a better understanding than others; however, he surmised that this probably would be the first time they had received a comprehensive presentation on the overall narcotics intelligence problem. [redacted]

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[redacted] also reported that a Narcotics Working Group had been established under the auspices of the CIPC and that they had convened their first meeting on 18 March under the chairmanship of Mr. Jon Wiant, State/INR. [redacted]

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Miss Page noted that the narcotics problem had been referred to her when she assumed her present duties; however, with the creation of the CIPC she thought the problem was appropriate for CIPC action. Miss Page also informed the members that she had opened the Working Group meeting on 18 March. She charged them to look at the narcotics problem in the broadest way possible and to include in their Terms of Reference (TOR) the aspects of coordination, dissemination, overt and clandestine collection, research, analysis, production and support to the operational law enforcement agencies. She also stressed that the Group was chartered not only to prepare recommendations, but also to follow implementation of solutions as they were developed and promulgated. [redacted]

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[redacted] noted that the subject of narcotics is one of the top issues before the Congress today and that the various Congressional committees are quite concerned over narcotics trafficking. [redacted]

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[redacted] CIPC Staff, briefed the Committee on the narcotics intelligence problem, identifying the principal organizations involved in this issue, providing a background perspective, identifying the roles and responsibilities of various organizations as stated in Executive Order 12333. He focussed in some detail on key and critical issues that needed to be addressed by the Working Group and the Committee. [redacted]

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The Chairman pointed out that the Working Group is in the process of developing their Terms of Reference. He welcomed members' comments or recommendations on the key issues so they could be included in the TOR. [redacted]

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Miss Page and MGEN Marks noted that adequate funding does not appear to have been provided for activities associated with narcotics intelligence. Consequently the subject is having to compete with other equally high priority issues. Because of this budgetary situation, managers are faced with what appears to be large resource constraints in dealing with the narcotics problem. [redacted]

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Subsequently, the members reviewed and discussed the "key issues" highlighted in [] briefing. It was the consensus of the Committee that a working group was required to address the narcotics problem in its broadest spectrum. Messrs. [] (CIA) and [] (DIA) pointed out that it was confusing to sort out which working groups and task forces were doing what and they would look to the CIPC Working Group to provide linkage between the various disciplines and customer and bring to focus an awareness and objectivity to the problem. Mr. Long (Treasury) concurred with the linkage problem among the respective disciplines. He also agreed that law enforcement organizations hold considerable information that has not been made available to intelligence community analysts. However, the situation is presently being addressed and some preliminary corrective measures are being implemented. [] 25X1

[] (NSA) and Kelly (Army) noted the lack of any reference in the "key issues" to HUMINT collection. Mr. Kelly further commented that, although the DCID 1/2 priorities have recently been increased, there has not been an attendant shift in some of the corollary collection assets, especially in SIGINT and HUMINT resources. The members agreed, noting that SIG(I) had recently reviewed the priorities problem, and concluded that the priorities incongruity needed to be explored further. The Chairman accepted an action to look into this problem and advised [] to include the HUMINT collection aspects in the Working Group's TOR. [] 25X1

Considerable discussion also centered around the legal aspect of collection against narcotics intelligence. MGEN Marks (AF) pointed out that it was difficult to ascertain what could or could not be done legally. However, RADM Butts (Navy) noted that recent judicial rulings have made it somewhat easier for Navy to monitor U. S. ship and aircraft activities, while the Coast Guard is experiencing little if any problem. [] 25X1

[] informed the members that NSA has a ruling pending before the U.S. Attorney General that will clarify NSA's legal role and responsibilities in disseminating narcotics intelligence information. [] 25X1

The Chairman advised the members that he would ask the Working Group to consider establishing a sub-panel to address legal issues. At a minimum, however, the Working Group will be asked to include the legal aspects of the narcotics problem in their TOR. The Chairman also assured the Committee that the TOR would be circulated for their comment and review prior to forwarding to the DDCI for concurrence and formal tasking of the CIPC. [] 25X1

Collection Against Soviet Strategic Cruise Missiles

The Chairman introduced this problem, advising the members that the Committee had inherited it from the previous CIPC. He noted that in October 1982 the DDCI, in response to a request from the Chairman, WSSIC, directed the predecessor CIPC to analyze the problem and develop proposals for upgrading the Community's collection capabilities against Soviet strategic cruise missiles. [] also reported that an interim report on the subject was 25X1

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forthcoming and the purpose of this briefing was to apprise them of what had been done to date, what needs to be done in the future, and to solicit their nominees for establishing a working group as well as input for the development of a TOR to address this problem further. []

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[] CIPC staff, briefed the Committee on the Strategic Cruise Missile problem, noting the present collection difficulties, by discipline; he outlined the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared by the predecessor CIPC and recommendations for a follow-on effort against this intelligence problem. []

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[] expressed the growing concern of the Intelligence Community with respect to the adequacy of our information base on Soviet strategic cruise missiles. He advised that the Chairman, WSSIC, had forwarded a memorandum to the DCI expressing concern about the limitation of our data base and the need for additional collection. []

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[] wondered whether a working group was necessary since there did seem to be an appreciation of the importance of the subject by both collectors and analysts. []

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Miss Page pointed out that the problem should be analyzed on an overall basis, the intelligence gaps needed to be identified, and the Community should be working in concert. She further noted that no one is presently focused on the problem on an across-the-board basis. [] stated that it was bothersome that the Intelligence Community did not have a handle on what the Soviets are up to, particularly in an area as important as this. []

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Mr. Kelly indicated that we do have some knowledge of what cruise-missile-related technology the Soviets are seeking to acquire from the West. Consideration of this aspect should be included in our final report. []

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Ambassador Cohen (State) opined that the U. S. is ahead in cruise missile technology and what we may be observing in the current Soviet cruise missile testing practices is an effort to prevent us from jumping further ahead. []

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[] pointed out that in order to collect effectively against Soviet cruise missiles, adequate tip-off information is paramount. []

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Messrs. [] also noted the importance to the Committee and Working Group of having access to the appropriate U. S. R&D programs and the attendant compartmented security clearances. []

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The Chairman concluded the discussion by requesting that the members provide the Executive Secretary as soon as possible their respective nominees to serve on the Soviet Strategic Cruise Missile Working Group. []

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The Chairman concluded the meeting by reiterating his invitation to the members to provide future agenda items for the Committee's consideration. []

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[] commented that a study on Soviet Stealth technology and development would be of value to the Intelligence Community. Mr. Kelly stated that he had some ideas to table but deferred for the present. He wanted time to develop them further. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1545 hours.

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Action Items

-Promulgation of CIPC DCID - Executive Secretary. []

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-Formation of panel to consider narcotics legal issues - Chairman/Narcotics Working Group. []

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-Establish Strategic Cruise Missile Working Group - Members/Executive Secretary. []

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-Develop TOR on cruise missile problem for Committee review - []
[]/Cruise Missile Working Group. []

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-Reconcile apparent incongruities of DCID 1/2 and SIGINT priorities on narcotics intelligence collection - Chairman. []

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Future Meetings

The next monthly Committee meeting is scheduled for 1430 hours, 18 April 1983, in Room 6W02, CHB. []

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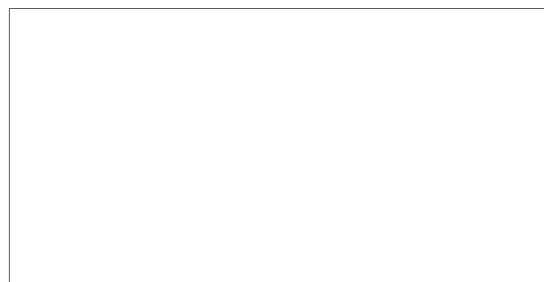
The Narcotics Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet on 6 April 1983. []

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The Cruise Missile Working Group met on 4 April 1983 to initiate development of their TOR. []

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Attachment: Participants



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Ambassador Herman J. Cohen, Deputy Director, Intelligence and Research, Department of State	
Rear Admiral John L. Butts, U. S. Navy, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy	
Major General John B. Marks, U. S. Air Force, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force	
Mr. Merrill Kelly, Acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army	
Mr. Arthur W. Long, Senior National Intelligence Advisor, Department of the Treasury	

Briefers and Subjects

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